

VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND



Annual Report
1 July 2018— 30 June 2019

“Serving Veterans by Funding Programs and Projects Otherwise Unfunded.”

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund FY 2019 Annual Report

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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund FY 2019 Annual Report

The Veterans Program Trust Fund was established as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988 under Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 40.460. This report provides a list of the present members of the Board of Directors.

During this reporting period, the Trust Fund expended/obligated funds for 51 worthy projects that will benefit Kentucky's veteran population. Thirty-three projects is a record for the number of requests granted in any one year for the Trust Fund. This report outlines the details concerning each of the Trust Fund expenditures for FY 2019. In this fiscal year The Trust Fund Board of Directors approved more changes to the application and funding rules. By refining and expanded the FY 2019 changes, these changes have significantly improved the quality of grant proposals and the effectiveness of Trust Fund expenditures.

Funding sources include dollars generated by taxpayers who are entitled to an income tax refund who may contribute all or a portion of that refund to the Trust Fund through the tax check-off on their state income tax form. The Trust Fund also receives a \$5.00 fee that is included in the price of an initial or renewal Veterans License Plate. The Trust Fund gladly accepts tax-deductible contributions from individuals, groups or corporations. This report outlines the amounts received from each of these sources, for a total of **\$523,345.55**.

The Trust Fund began the year with a balance of **\$505,268.74**.

Expenditures during the year totaled **\$920,450.37**. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance, less obligations, of **\$108,163.92** as shown in the financial report on page 6. Details concerning the projects are included in the use of funds section beginning on page 5.

Respectfully,

Benjamin Adams
Chair
Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

History and Operation

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veterans Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988. The purpose of the VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans but that are not funded by the state General Fund.

The VPTF is overseen by a board of directors whose members are appointed by the Governor. The list of members with their affiliations is on page 10. The VPTF Board of Directors meets several times a year on an *ad-hoc* basis as it receives requests for funding.

The VPTF has received a steady, moderate income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of Veterans License Plates.

The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the state income tax form, or directly to the VPTF through personal checks to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. The Help a Veteran Every day (H.A.V. E.) Program encourages citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office. In Fiscal Year 2010, KDVA started hosting an on-line donation page for the VPTF, allowing individuals to make secure donations by credit card or bank withdrawal.

Kentucky's veterans service organizations have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continue to do so.

Donors may also specify that their contribution go to one of several specific programs/facilities KDVA operates for the benefit of veterans:

- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
- Women Veterans Programs
- Benefits/Field Operations
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (Wilmore)
- Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (Hazard)
- Western Kentucky Veterans Center (Hanson)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Fort Knox)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (Greenup)

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

Highlights for FY 2019 (7/1/18 - 6/30/19)

As of July 1, 2018, the beginning of the fiscal year, the Trust Fund had **\$505,268.74** and received **\$523,345.55** in new funding. Since that date the Trust Fund board members approved expenditures on 51 worthy programs, the highest number of programs ever supported by the Trust Fund. Here are some of those programs:

- 1. Help Honor Flight Bluegrass continue to transport veterans to the monuments in Washington, D.C. - \$50,000**
- 2. Help build a Gold Star Families Memorial on the Capitol Grounds - \$60,000**
- 3. Help NABVETS maintain and do upkeep of the Cove Haven Veterans Cemetery, including purchase of 500 grave flags and a Garrison Flag. \$2,800**
- 4. Help sustain a food bank for Veterans in Eastern Kentucky - \$10,000**
- 5. Help Lady Veterans Connect repair and renovate the Trapp School as a transitional home for Homeless Women Veterans. - \$50,000**
- 6. Help Veterans with TBI/PTSD received Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment \$60,000**
- 7. Help pay for funeral services for Indigent Veterans before interment at Kentucky State Veterans Cemeteries. \$40,000**

Find more items beginning on Page 11.

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund Financial Report	
Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2019 (1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019)	
Carryforward/Beginning Balance 6307 and 6308	\$ 505,268.74
Receipts	
Veteran's Plate Sales (R404)	\$ 486,536.69
Donations from Taxes (R809)	\$ 22,635.00
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)	\$ 4,814.44
Interest Income (R771)	\$ 9,359.42
Total Receipts:	\$ 523,345.55
Total Source of Funds 6307 & 6308	\$ 1,028,614.29
Expenditures	
<i>Program Grants (E399)</i>	<i>\$ 905,347.01</i>
2018 Louisville Veterans Parade	\$ 18,000.00
Disabled American Vets Chapter 18	\$ 25,350.00
Hope for Heroes, Inc.	\$ 10,000.00
KY Bow Fishing for Heroes	\$ 7,500.00
KY National Guard Memorial, Inc.	\$ 16,900.00
KY Wounded Heroes, Inc.	\$ 10,000.00
Lady Veterans Connect, Inc.	\$ 25,000.00
University of Kentucky School of Journalism & Media	\$ 25,000.00
Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky	\$ 21,388.00
Vietnam Veterans of America	\$ 1,005.00
NABVETS	\$ 5,000.00
USA Cares, Inc.	\$ 75,000.00
USA Today (Special Editions Publishing)	\$ 8,500.00
USA Today (Special Editions Publishing)	\$ 14,500.00
KY Wounded Heroes, Inc.	\$ (975.00)
Western KY Veterans Center Program Trust Fund, Inc.	\$ 60.00
Disabled American Vets Chapter 18	\$ (1,061.00)
NABVETS	\$ (5,300.00)
KY Center for the Arts	\$ 9,646.00
David Rankin American Legion Post 257	\$ 15,000.00
American Legion Post 63	\$ 5,500.00
Dancing Well: The Solider Project	\$ 5,000.00
Honor Flight Bluegrass	\$ 75,000.00
Honor Flight Kentucky	\$ 25,000.00
JC Paul Detachment 1448 Marine Corps League	\$ 4,050.00
KY Center for African American Heritage	\$ 25,000.00
KDVA Indigent Burial Program	\$ 40,000.00
KY Foothills Therapeutic Horsemanship Center	\$ 3,213.05
VFW 3769 Pike County Memorial	\$ 37,223.00
Lady Veterans Connect, Inc.	\$ (7,968.00)
Waggener High School Alumni	\$ 30,708.00
American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard	\$ 1,900.00
Big South Fork Veteran Hunt	\$ 10,000.00
Cloverfork Independent Citizens	\$ 30,000.00
Free Prostate Cancer	\$ 2,500.00
Honor Flight Bluegrass	\$ 12,000.00
Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment for KY Veterans	\$ 60,000.00
KY Veterans Hall of Fame	\$ 12,000.00
Lady Veterans Connect, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Spirit of Sophia, Inc.	\$ 2,625.00
Team Depot	\$ 2,500.00
KY Veterans Hall of Fame	\$ 13,000.00
Kentucky Prostate Cancer Coalition	\$ 2,500.00
Kentucky Prostate Cancer Coalition	\$ (2,500.00)
Kentucky Historical Society	\$ 3,000.00
American Legion Post #12 Veterans Hall	\$ 20,000.00
Bowman Field Foundation	\$ 30,000.00
Connected Nation, Inc.	\$ 36,000.00
Heather Renee French Foundation for Veterans, Inc.	\$ 14,282.96
Honor Flight Kentucky	\$ 50,000.00
Kentucky Wounded Heroes, Inc.	\$ 12,000.00
The National Association for Black Veterans, Inc.	\$ 2,800.00
The Warrior Meditation Foundation, Inc.	\$ 17,500.00
<i>Program Expenditures (E334 & E259)</i>	<i>\$ 14,240.00</i>
Allied Material & Equipment Co, Inc.	\$ 4,495.00
Ad-venture Promotions LLC	\$ 9,745.00
<i>Program Travel (E363)</i>	<i>\$ 863.36</i>
Total Expenditures:	\$ 920,450.37
Fund Balance (Cash on Hand) 6307 & 6308	\$ 108,163.92

State Veterans Cemeteries FY19	
Cemeteries Fund (637R)	
Fund Balance, Beginning of FY19	\$ 51,174.77
Carryforward	
Additional Donations (R802)	\$ 34,272.57
Other Adjustments (R809)	\$ 350.00
Interest (R771)	\$ 1,449.22
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS + Carryover	\$ 87,246.56
Expenditures	\$ 14,566.25
Ending Balance, Ending of FY19	\$ 72,680.31

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM



In 2015, the Commonwealth of Kentucky declared its intention to end veteran homelessness by the end of the year. Great efforts were made toward achieving this goal. However, we still have many homeless veterans living in shelters, with relatives, and even on our streets.

As of January 2017, it was estimated that there were still close to 500 homeless veterans in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs continues to assist these veterans by reaching out in an effort to locate the homeless veterans and continues to connect them with appropriate resources to help them with their needs.

There are several Grant Per Diem (GPD) programs throughout the state of Kentucky that are able to offer room and board to homeless veterans with substance abuse and mental illness issues at no cost to the veteran. Veterans can stay in these programs for up to two years while working with case managers and counselors to overcome their addictions, prepare for the workforce, and to overcome any other obstacles they may face. These programs are in Louisville, Lexington, Hopkinsville, and Prestonsburg.

KDVA's homeless veteran coordinator works closely with the USDVA HUD/VASH programs in Louisville and Lexington KY, Marion IL, Nashville TN, Cincinnati, OH, and Huntington WV by using our Homeless Veterans Trust Fund emergency assistance program to pay security deposits for homeless veterans who qualify for HUD vouchers. This helps to alleviate some of the financial burden veterans encounter when first become housed.

KDVA contributed \$2,500 to various Stand Down events throughout the state and was able to purchase \$700 worth of hats, gloves, scarves and socks to distribute to homeless veterans during the cold winter months. The Homeless Veterans Program also received a number of winter coats through various donations to give to veterans in need.

The KDVA homeless veteran coordinator partnered with several law enforcement agencies in FY 2018 who assisted in distributing homeless bags containing personal hygiene items, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and snacks. KDVA also delivered homeless bags, blankets, and clothing to several homeless shelters throughout the states during the cold months.

The KDVA homeless veteran coordinator partnered with several other businesses, organizations, and unions in the Louisville Metro area to form Operation Victory. The coalition was able to obtain and renovate a condemned house to provide a home for a homeless female veteran who had been living in her car for almost a year. This project has progressed into an ongoing effort to renovate at least one home per year for homeless veterans and their families. KDVA is also working to expand this project to other cities throughout the state.



HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Homeless Veteran Trust Fund is not limited to helping veterans obtain emergency housing. The Trust Fund also provides emergency financial assistance to veterans in danger of losing their homes. Veterans can obtain the assistance once in a lifetime for up to \$250 to pay utilities (electric, gas, or water) or past-due rent.

FY 19 Milestones

Total Assistance to Veterans: **\$62,457.65**

Average Amount of Assistance: **\$243.98**

Veterans Assisted: **256**

208 Veterans received rental assistance

104 Veterans received utility assistance

26 Veterans received temporary housing

Homeless Veterans FY19	
Homeless Veterans Fund (6306)	
Fund Balance, Beginning of FY19	\$ 3,584.75
Carryforward	\$ -
Additional Donations	\$ 5,625.00
Other Adjustments	\$ 80,000.00
Interest	\$ 1,121.33
Total Source of Funds + Carryover	\$ 90,331.08
Expenditures	\$ 62,657.70
Ending Balance, Ending of FY19	\$ 27,673.38

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Members

(as of June 30, 2019)

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM
Benjamin Adams	KDVA	As Commissioner
Dean Stoops	KDVA	As Deputy
Col. Mike Ferguson	National Guard	July 15, 2019
Randall Allen Fischer	American Legion	July 15, 2019
Donald Wayne Helton	JECVO	July 15, 2020
Carla Ann Raiser	At-Large	July 15, 2020
Michael Blaine Hedges	GAB	July 15, 2020
	AMVETS	July 15, 2019
David Jarrett	DAV	July 15, 2019
Carlos Pugh	At-Large	July 15, 2020
Carl Joseph Kaelin	VFW	July 15, 2020

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors September 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented and approved:

USA TODAY-Request from KDVA to pay for a KDVA Advertisement to go into the Veterans Special Edition newspaper. **\$23,000**

2018 Louisville Veterans Day Parade-Request for funding for the pre-production, production fees, and costs associated with the parade. **\$18,000**

Lady Veterans Connect, Inc.-Request for funding for the Week of Valor for veterans. **\$25,000**

Kentucky Wounded Heroes, Inc.-Request for funding to assist with a portion of the expenses for this year's annual, 13 day, bucket list trip to Alaska. **\$10,000**

Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky, Inc.-Request for funding to provide pedestals. **\$21,388**

Kentucky Bow Fishing for Heroes-Request for funding to provide equipment, repairs on boats, and costs of the trip. **\$15,000** The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$7,500**.

USA Cares, Inc.-Request for funding for the USA Cares Career Transition Training Program. **\$75,000**

The G. Murl Conner Story, a Documentary-Request for funding to underwrite the production of the G. Murl Conner Story, a documentary. **\$25,000**

Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc.-Request for funding to add an anti-vehicular barrier of like type construction to the memorial. **\$16,900**

Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 1051-Request for funding purchase video and audio (PA System) for the Agent Orange Town Hall meetings. **\$705**. The Board voted to approve **\$1,005**.

NABVETS Chapter 125-Request for funding to inform veterans in rural counties of VSOs, volunteer organization and government agencies to help veterans. **\$10,000** The Board voted to approve **\$5,000**.

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 18-Request for funding to purchase a used Ford van to transport honor guard to grave sites. **\$25,000** The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$25,350**.

Hope for Heroes, Inc.-Request for funding sustain a food pantry in the eastern Kentucky part of the region for our veterans. **\$5,500** The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$10,000**

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors December 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented and approved:

JC Paul Detachment 1448 Marine Corps League-Request for funding of new uniforms for members to provide final honors at cemeteries for deceased veterans. **\$5,000** The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$4,050**

Dancing Well: The Soldier Project, Inc.-Request for funding to pay a portion of expenses of one year of specialized dance for veterans affected by PTSD or brain injury. **\$19,700**. The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$5,000**

Kentucky Indigent Veterans Burial Program-Request for funding to reimburse funeral homes for expenses incurred for the services rendered of a deceased indigent veteran (up to \$1,000). **\$40,000**

David Rankin American Legion Post 257-Request for funding to purchase a van to transport members to funerals, people to VA hospital for appointments, or when they need driver. **\$30,000** The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$15,000**

Kentucky Foothills Therapeutic Horsemanship Center-Request for funding to provide US Veterans with a challenging experience, such as a trail ride. **\$3,213.0**

Waggener High School Alumni, Veterans Memorial Monument-Request for funding to complete Phase 2 of the Monument Project. **\$41,708** The Board voted to conditionally approve obligation of **\$30,708**

Honor Flight Kentucky-Request for funding for three flights. **\$75,000**
The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$25,000**

American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard and Color Guard-Request for funding ten man honor guard and a five man color guard for military burial honors, attend parades, and events. **\$10,000**
The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$5,500**

Pike County Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3769-Request for funding to get a 'static display' from TACCOM, have to pay shipping and cement pad it will sit on. Also put all Pike County veteran names that have died in war since World War I on the park's obelisk. **\$37,223**

Kentucky Center for the Arts Foundation, Inc.-Request for funding to maintain a roster of 18 contracted professional artists who are trained to actively engage people in crisis. **\$15,000**
The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$9,646**

Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter, Inc.-Request for funding for honor flight to Washington, DC comprising of 82 veterans, 82 guardians, and a staff of 22 (bus captains, medics, flight directors, and media. **\$75,000**

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage-Request for funding to subsidize the construction of the Veterans memorial built to honor the American flag, each branch of the armed forces, and educate about Col. Charles Young. **\$50,000** The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$25,000**

Daryl Buckler & Terry Edwards-Request for funding to purchase a Kentucky Historical Marker for Sgt. Charles Fleek. **\$3,180**

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented and approved:

Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame -Request for funding to install the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame to be enshrined in the Kentucky Capitol. **\$25,000**

Big SouthFork Veteran Hunt-Request for funding to provide therapy thru the outdoors for veterans with PTSD/TBI. **\$10,000**

Team Depot-Request for funding to create and send care packages for veterans currently deployed. **\$2,500**

Spirit of Sophia, Inc.-Request for funding to provide scholarships to 15 women veterans to attend our annual March event. **\$2,625**

Lady Veterans Connect, Inc.-Request for funding to complete renovations and repairs to 22,000 sq.ft. building that will be used for housing and programs for homeless women veterans. **\$48,967.00**
The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$50,000**

Honor Flight Kentucky-Request for funding to sponsor the cost to fly the WWII B-25 Bomber “Show Me” from the Commemorative Air Force in St. Louis to Louisville to fly WWII Veterans on June 7, 2019. **\$12,000**

American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard and Color Guard-Request for funding to transport Honor/Color Guards to and from burial sites, transport veterans from THVC to appointments at VA, field trips, and provide transport for any veterans in need. **\$4,900** The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$1,900**

Cloverfork Independent Citizens for Progress and Education -Request for funding to honor all veterans from area and a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Carl Dodd. **\$27,600** The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$30,000**

Free Prostate Cancer Screenings for Men-Request for funding to pay for blood work for the veterans being screened for prostate cancer at the KY State Fair. **\$2,500**

Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment for Kentucky Veterans-Request for funding to to treat 100 veterans over two years based on locations in Lexington and Louisville. Veterans with TBI/PTSD that have received HBOT treatments have shown improvement or complete healing. **\$200,000**

The Board voted to approve obligation of **\$60,000** .

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors June 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented and approved:

NABVETS Request for funding to provide maintenance and upkeep, purchase 500 flags for Veterans graves and purchase Garrison size for Cove Haven Cemetery. **\$2,800**

Honor Flight Kentucky Request for funding to sponsor 2 remaining missions to sponsor 75 Veterans per flight (Sept. 21 and Oct. 19, 2019). **\$50,000**

Kentucky Wounded Heroes, Inc. Request for funding to cover the cost of airline travel, travel expenses to and from Anchorage, Alaska for up to 15 Kentucky Wounded Heroes and attend staff/caregiver. **\$12,000**

Bowman Field Foundation Request for funding to sponsor the Bowman Field Aviation and Military Heritage Festival in October. **\$30,000**

Connected Nation, Inc. Request for funding to provide 3-4 weeks of training for 20 Veterans in the Fort Campbell area in advanced digital literacy and job skill training and job placement. **\$72,000** Board approved obligation of \$36,000 to support 10 Veteran scholarships.

American Legion Post #12 Veterans Hall Request for funding for the construction of war memorial to include materials and labor **\$102,241**. Board voted to approved obligation of **\$20,000**

Gold Star Family Memorial Request for funding to build a Gold Star Family Memorial at the Capitol. **\$60,000**

Warrior Mediation Foundation Inc. dba Save a Warrior Request for funding to provide 13 Kentucky warriors with an opportunity to attend a cohort in 2019 **\$35,500** The Board approved obligation of **\$17,500** for 5 Kentucky warriors.

Heather Renee French Foundation for Veterans Inc. Request for funding to transition the 2019 KY State Fair Educational Exhibit from WWI to WWII to educate the public about the World Wars and the 75th Anniversary of D-Day **\$14,282.96**



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